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ALMA WILL HAVE MUNICIPAL PLANT

Two Propositions Voted Upon Wednesday Carried By Big Votes.

WILL BOND FOR \$60,000.00

Proposition to Acquire Waterworks and to Bond Carried 10 to 1.

That the citizens of Alma want a municipal waterworks was clearly set forth at the special election held on Wednesday of this week, when the question of acquiring a waterworks by construction carried by a vote of almost 11 to 1. At the same time the question of bonding for \$60,000.00 for the construction of a waterworks carried by a vote of 9 to 1.

Only about a third of the vote of the city was out, but with the vote going the way that it did, there is no question as to what the citizens of the city want, as they have now carried the bonding proposition at the polls twice, and the second time by a bigger ratio than was the case when the proposition was declared illegal because of certain technicalities. The small vote that was out can only be laid to the door of the holidays, which completely overshadowed everything else here. There was plenty of interest in the question, but in the holiday rush many a person forgot entirely that Alma was holding a special election.

Every possible effort was made to have this election conform with the laws in every particular and there is no question, but what it will be legal and that Alma will be able now to do just as she wishes in the matter.

The vote by wards on the two propositions follows:

Ward	Yes	No	Majority
First ward	126	13	113
Second ward	60	3	57
Third ward	36	3	33
Fourth ward	57	7	50

Totals 279 26 253

"Shall the city of Alma acquire a waterworks by constructing an adequate waterworks and extending the present system of mains."

Ward	Yes	No	Majority
First ward	121	17	104
Second ward	57	5	52
Third ward	35	4	31
Fourth ward	61	4	57

Totals 274 30 244

Four ballots were spoiled on the first question and on the second question five.

It is interesting to note that in the fourth ward a few more people wanted to bond than wanted the city to own its waterworks, three more voting against the first proposition than against the second.

It is expected that the city officials will start work and put down a test well as soon as possible. It is expected that the first test well will be put down in the Bird park on East Superior street.

"BONE-DRY" STATE

Liquor Interests Plan to Fight All Importations.

Wet forces of Michigan will seek to force a "bone-dry" Michigan when the legislative meets in Lansing in January, and bills to prohibit the importation of liquor for any purpose other than those permitted under the prohibition amendment will be introduced by wet representatives.

Dry leaders have already agreed upon a limited importation bill, tentatively fixing the amount of liquor that any man may possess at one time at a quart. This, the wets declare, is the "sop" thrown by drys to the semi-liberal element prior to election for its support of prohibition and they propose now to "put it up square to the drys, as to whether they really wanted a dry state."

"You know we don't believe for a moment the drys want a really dry Michigan," said Representative Chas. H. Culver, wet leader in the last house. "We are going to put the drys on record, and they've either got to come across and make the state absolutely dry or admit prohibition won't prohibit."

A curious question arises out of the wording of the tentative measure of the drys to permit shipment into the state of limited quantities of liquor. The wets claim that under a correct interpretation of the words describing how much liquor householders, etc., may have at one time, women are barred from contracting for shipments.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Fleming and Ralston desire to thank the many friends who in any way helped them in the effort to save their belongings, etc., at the fire last week Tuesday.

PRINTER MARRIED

C. A. Carpenter Married Shepherd Girl Christmas Eve.

Chester Arthur Carpenter, for the past few years a member of the Alma Journal force, was united in marriage on Christmas Eve to Miss Leila Young, a well known young lady, who lives near Shepherd.

The wedding was a quiet affair, and was held at the St. John's rectory. Rev. J. Frank Jackson, the pastor of the church, performing the ceremony. Only a couple of intimate friends of the "newlyweds" were present at the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Young, prominent farmers, living near Shepherd. For the past couple years she had been a resident of Alma and has a host of friends in this city. The groom is a former New York state resident, but for the past three years has held a good position with the Alma Journal. He is popular among the younger men of the city. They will make their home in Alma.

MERCHANTS OF CITY ENJOYED FINE TRADE

Alma Business Men Have Had the Best Holiday Trade in the History of Alma.

The various merchants of the city of Alma are reporting a far better holiday trade than ever before in the history of Alma, which means several things that auger well for the city. A greater proportion than ever went into staple goods, showing desecrating buying.

It means primarily that the men of Alma are busy, and that Alma has none of what is popularly known as the class that won't work. Alma is fortunate in this respect. Hustling cities like Alma need industrious men, and the fact that the business men of Alma have enjoyed the best trade in their history means that Alma has them. Such men are a credit to any city.

It means also that Alma's working men are drawing good, or at least are drawing fair wages. Men who are drawing only a pittance on which to live, are not the free shoppers that Alma has had during the holiday season this year. It means men drawing good wages, who have instilled in their being the spirit of holiday making, and they certainly made it a Christmas to be remembered by all Alma people.

In this connection also, it is well to bear in mind the merchant. With a growing trade, he is able to give better goods for the same money, and yet make a good profit. Bigger buying gets better prices from the wholesale houses, which saving goes into the pockets of the shopper, and which incidentally makes a fine argument for "trade at home."

It all goes in aiding to make Alma a better city, which every person in Alma should truly want Alma to be.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Marriage licenses for week ending December 23, 1916:

Name	Residence	Age
Carl D. Pusey, Alma	Alma	21
L. C. Grace Austin, Alma	Alma	18
Lorin B. Gossett, Alma	Alma	21
Lena Hamp, Elwell	Elwell	20
Seth Evisizer, Alma	Alma	60
Carrie A. Sewell, Edmore	Edmore	52
Charles G. Bradley, Elwell	Elwell	32
Zella Grubbs, Illinois	Illinois	20
Chester Arthur Carpenter, Alma	Alma	30
Leila Hudson, Alma	Alma	23
Millie Eisenlord, Arcadia	Arcadia	21
Floyd Newton, Hamilton	Hamilton	25
Effie Mooney, Hamilton Township	Hamilton	27
Clyde E. Tyler, St. Louis	St. Louis	27
Pearl Stella King, St. Louis	St. Louis	22
Charley David Watson, Ithaca	Ithaca	21
Ethel Stevens Mikesell, Arcadia	Arcadia	17

NEIGHBORHOOD XMAS TREE

A neighborhood Christmas tree was held at the home of G. Isham in Pine River township Christmas Eve, and about fifty of the neighbors from the surrounding country were present to enjoy a splendid evening with the Ishams. The tree was loaded down with good things and after a good time around the tree, a big oyster supper and then a pot-luck supper held sway. The entire neighborhood was more than satisfied with the good time that was shown them.

GETS FIRST LIGHT TRUCK

Otto Sanderhoff, the pioneer Alma hardware merchant, is the first Alma merchant to get one of the Republic trucks, known as the Republic Dispatch. These trucks are for loads up to 1,500 pounds, and are extremely well made, and suitable for all kinds of light delivery work on all roads.

POST OFFICE CLOSED

January 1, 1917, being New Year's Day, there will be no deliveries by either the city or rural carriers. The post office will be open for the delivery of mail at the window between 10:00 and 11:00 o'clock Monday.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Civic Improvement league will be held at the home of Mrs. Francis King, on Friday, January 12th, at 2:30 p. m. Please note change in the date.

This Is The Last Call

THOSE wishing to save 50 cents on their subscription to the Alma Record for next year have just two more days to take advantage of the offer. Ample notice has been given and all must know before this. Remember that by paying to date you may pay in advance at \$1.00 per year. After January 1st the price will be \$1.50. For the benefit of those who are unable to get to the office in the day time the Record office will be open Friday and Saturday evenings of this week to take subscriptions. We have sent statements to all subscribers outside of the county, and many have responded to them, while several have not. With this issue the Record will be discontinued to those not paying before January 1st, and the delinquent subscriptions placed in a collector's hands. After January 1st all outside papers, delivered in single wrappers, will be strictly in advance, and subscriptions discontinued when they expire.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR FINE TEAM

Maroon and Cream Basket Ball Team Should Have Fine Season.

MANY VETERANS FOR TEAM

Runners Up For Two Years and Now Hope to Be Able to Grab the Title.

The Alma college basket ball season is due to open next week Friday evening, when the first Michigan intercollegiate game will be staged, the Maroon and Cream stacking up against the strong Adrian college team.

Just how Coach Helmer will line up his hopefuls for the coming bout is not known, and probably will not be decided until time for the game, as Helmer is facing a proposition in picking the five best men for the quintet. Smith, the local basket ball star, is certain of grabbing a position, as is Captain Richards of Detroit, Gallagher of Bay City and Hoodlinas of Mt. Pleasant, two of the classy looking candidates are almost certain of jobs, but just who the other man will be is a big question. French, Ed. Foote, Art Foote and others loom up as big possibilities for the other place.

With Smith, Gallagher, Hoodlinas and Richards on the quintet Alma is assured of one of the best bunch of basket shooters that has ever graced the Alma court. With good guarding Alma should be able to show a clean pair of heels to most of the teams that the Maroon and Cream will hook up with this season.



VERNE RICHARDS

The Adrianites, who face Alma in the opening game, are far from a weak aggregation. Last year they were the only team in Michigan intercollegiate able to down Kalamazoo's veteran team, which has lost just one game in two seasons of basket ball. They will force Alma to play basket ball the entire route if the locals are to grab off a victory.

H. N. Allen is visiting in Detroit and Flint this week. While in Detroit he will attend the annual banquet of the Edison-Moore traveling men.

NEARLY A THOUSAND

Nine Hundred and Fifty on the Republic Payroll.

That the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., of this city, is the largest industry in this section of the state, is forcibly brought out when it is mentioned that nine hundred and fifty people are now on the payroll of the company.

These figures are based upon those actually in the employ of the company in Alma alone, being compiled from the total number of people employed at each of the four plants that the company has here in Alma. The figures include not only the men laboring out in the plants, but in the office force as well.

WELL KNOWN ALMA GIRL MARRIED YESTERDAY

Miss Emma Swigart Married Here Yesterday to Dr. Barker of London, Canada.

At the home of Raymond and Miss Edna Swigart, on State street, on Wednesday occurred the marriage of their sister, Emma Martha, to Ernest Franklin Barker of London, Canada. The ceremony was performed at noon by Rev. W. H. Mason in the presence of members of the immediate families. The bride wore a gown of white embroidery and Irish lace, and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Barker of Rochester, New York. He is a graduate of the University of Rochester, and received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Michigan in 1915. He is now professor of physics at Western University, London, Ontario. The bride is the daughter of the late John T. Swigart, and has lived in Alma since childhood. She is a graduate of Alma college, and later received her master's degree from the University of Michigan. The only out of town guests were Miss Edith Barker of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Agnes Hope of St. Johns, Michigan. Dr. and Mrs. Barker left on the afternoon train for a short wedding trip, after which they will be at home in London, Canada.

GIVE DOLLAR BILLS.

The Republic Motor Truck Company, Incorporated, of this city handed out Christmas presents to every member of the large force that it has at the factory. Every member of the force received a brand new one dollar bill from the management, which certainly shows that the Christmas spirit is around the plant, when it is considered that this cost the concern about \$800.00. The lady members of the office force received boxes of candy, and the men boxes of Republic cigars.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Alma, Mich., Dec. 25, 1916.
Advertised list for week ending December 25, 1916:
Mr. L. R. Baker.
Mr. Harry Barney.
Mr. Everett Blair.
Mrs. Vernice Brion.
Mr. Wm. House.
Miss Tangley Jones.
Mr. Dan Moffett.
Mr. Robert McPherson.
Glen Osterander.
Paul Suffie.
Laverne Stoudt.

The above, if not called for, will be sent to the Dead Letter office January 8, 1917.

V. P. CASH, Postmaster.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank of Alma, Michigan, will be held in the director's room of the bank on Tuesday evening, the ninth day of January, 1917, for the purpose of electing seven directors, and other important business that may come before the meeting.

The polls will be open from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. Kindly mail your proxy to the cashier, in order that your stock may be voted, if you cannot be present. CARL H. WASHBURN, Cashier.

VESTABURG FIRE BURNED ELEVATOR

Flames Destroyed Big Elevator on Thursday of Last Week.

WAS FILLED WITH GRAINS

Business Will Be Continued and Rebuilding of Elevator Started at Once.

Last week Thursday the Vestaburg elevator was burned to the ground with its contents, causing a loss which has not been fully determined yet, owing to the vast quantity of wheat and other grains that were in the building at the time.

While the loss has not been fully determined it is known that it will run into the thousands of dollars, as the building, machinery and grain is a complete loss to the company. The elevator was well insured, it is said, but probably it is not insured heavily enough to cover the big loss that has been sustained, because of the great amount of grain that was stored in the structure.

The fore part of this week, much of the grain was still burning and workmen were busy clearing away all of the burning materials, so as to get the fire out and to get the site cleared up.

Arrangements have been made so that the business of the elevator will be continued, and work will be started at once on a new elevator, which will be completed as soon as possible.

EIGHT REGISTERED

Less Than a Dozen Names Added to Registration Books.

Last Saturday was registration day for the special election on the water proposition, and during the entire day only eight new names were added to the registration books of the city.

This is probably the smallest registration in the history of the city of Alma, and the chances are that it will hold first place for many years to come. There are plenty of reasons why the registration should have been small for this election, but none of them could properly be classified under the head of no interest in the election.

Perhaps the biggest reason for the small registration is the fact that so little time has elapsed since the general election and registration, at which a great interest was taken, the entire country. This brought the largest registration that Alma had ever had and very few local voters failed to register at this time. Another big reason is that the holiday rush detracted somewhat from the registration, probably causing some to overlook it entirely.

With those serving at the various registration boards paid, printing bills paid, etc., it is probable that the registration of these eight people cost the city about fifty dollars.

PRAISE RECORDS ISSUE

The following taken from the Gratiot County Herald is just one of the many tributes from the newspapers throughout this section of the state, praising the Christmas issue of the Alma Record, and shows to an extent just how the brother publishers like to see the various weekly papers pull up new stunts:

"The Alma Record is a credit to C. F. Brown and the city of Alma. It is made up of three eight-page seven-column sections and not only is it well gotten up but is a practical directory of the enterprising business firms of Alma. All its advertising is well set and well printed. The Herald congratulates Brother Brown on the splendid showing."

The Arcadia Ladies Aid will meet at Grange hall on Thursday, January 4th, for an all day session. Regular dinner and election of officers. The meeting will be an important one and all members are urged to be present.

HOME BURNED

Residence of E. S. Parson Badly Damaged by Fire.

The home of E. S. Parson, living on Hannah avenue, was badly damaged by fire last week Thursday afternoon, from causes unknown.

The fire department was called to the scene as soon as the fire was discovered, but by that time it had gained a good headway. The fire was not noticed at all, until one of the neighbors saw the flames coming through the roof.

When the department first arrived almost the entire roof was burning, together with portions of the second floor. The chemical hose and two streams of water were quickly played on the flames and they were rapidly brought under control by the firemen.

The house, which belongs to S. Mesinger, was probably damaged to the extent of about \$500.00, while the household effects of Mr. Parson were badly damaged from fire, smoke and water.

HIGH SCHOOL WINS

EASILY FROM EDMORE

Visitors Have no Chance With Coach Lake's Team Which Had Things Easy.

Last Thursday evening the Alma high school basket ball team took Edmore high into camp by a lopsided score, which would seem to indicate that the locals have one of the best teams in this section of the state. The score was 36 to 14 at the end.

The game was one of the roughest that has been seen on the local court in years, both teams putting forth every possible effort to get the counters. At one time a fist fight seemed to be forthcoming but Referee Archer quickly settled this.

Alma took the lead at the start of the game and held it throughout, but a sudden spurton on the part of the Edmore team in the latter part of the first half put the two teams on nearly even terms for a time and it looked as though Edmore might go into the lead and take the game for a short time. However, Alma pulled a strong comeback just before the end of the quarter, which ended with Alma leading 16 to 7.

The good basket shooting of Howe, Medler and Stauffer were the offensive features of the Alma play, while the guarding of Campbell and White was of the highest order. LaClear was the big star for the visitors.

The lineup and summary:

Edmore—14. Pusey, Alma—26. Warner, 14. Stauffer, 36. Howe, 36. LaClear, 14. Campbell, 14. Thomas, 14. Medler, 14. Riggles, 14. White, 14. Field Baskets—Howe, 7; Medler, 7; Stauffer, 4; LaClear, 5; Warner, 1. Fouls—Howe, 0 in 1; LaClear, 2 out of 3.

Times of Halves—Twenty minutes.

Referee—Archer, Alma.

BANQUET IN JANUARY

Democrats Will Have Big Celebration in Alma.

A meeting of the county committee of the democratic organization was held at the Wright House yesterday and it was decided to hold the banquet and jollification here January 12th.

The great successes at the recent election have inspired the democrats of the county to hold the mammoth blowout, and having won the victory they are entitled to celebrate, in what heretofore has been regarded as a republican fashion. It having been so long since the democrats had won a victory unassisted, that the country had forgotten that democrats had the right to hold celebration, in Gratiot county at least.

The Wilsonites are planning on holding a banquet and jollification that will be a winner from start to finish. The details of the affair are not entirely settled yet, but it is certain that some good speakers will be present to add to the spirit of the evening. Full particulars will be given later.

SEVILLE AND SUMNER CLUB

Seville and Sumner Farmers' club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Gee Thursday, January 4th.

Program:
Song Club
Prayer
Reading minutes of last meeting.
Roll call by quotations.
Music Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.
Report from state association meeting Mrs. Walter Ferris.
Music Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.
Report Miss Laura Amsbury.
Song Club.
Question box.

GETS JAIL SENTENCE

Once more it is demonstrated that bootlegging is a bad business in Gratiot county, the demonstration being given by "Cap" Hart, who has been given ninety days for passing out booze in dry Gratiot.

Sheriff Newell Bradford nailed Hart, whose right name is said to be Monford, and hauled him into court, where he was found guilty. The county jail will be his home for the next three months, while he considers the advisability of bringing booze in to Gratiot.

POULTRY SHOW IS NOW OPEN

Fine Display of Poultry On Exhibition at Gratiot County Show.

FINE PREMIUMS ARE OFFERED

Show Being Held in Ford Garage Will Continue Until January 1st.

The Gratiot County Poultry show opened at noon today in the Ford Garage building on East Superior street, with the largest display of poultry and prize poultry that have ever been displayed in this city.

The Gratiot County Poultry Association has outdone itself this year in the matter of prizes for the various classes and pens, and this is probably the main reason for the greatly increased number of displays that are being made at the local show. Prizes from silver cups and gold coins for the best display in the various classes, etc., down to the ribbons for the first four places in ranking in each variety are being offered, making a list of prizes that is indeed alluring to the owner of good poultry.

Lovers of good displays of poultry can have a big feast (with the eyes) as the poultry show, at a cost that is so small, as to be almost insignificant, only a nominal charge of ten cents being made for admission at the door.

There is also a display of pet stock at the poultry show. This display while small, contains some very fine pet stock that is well worth the seeing.

The judging of the poultry by C. A. Bloss of Flint will take place either Friday or Saturday, after which the officials of the association will make the awards of prizes to the winners in the various classes and varieties. The show will continue through until the night of January 1, 1917, giving everyone a fine opportunity to see the various displays at some time or other during the course of the show.

MISS McLAREN INJURED

Prompt Act of Spectator Saved Serious Injury.

Miss Bertha McLaren of this city narrowly escaped being run over by an Ann Arbor passenger train on Tuesday afternoon of this week, and had it not been for the prompt assistance of a stranger, she would have probably lost both legs, which were lying across the track in the path of the moving train.

It seems that Miss McLaren was waiting at the depot for the train, and while waiting went across the track for a drink of water. On her return the train was approaching. Whether she saw the train and thought that she had time to cross in front of it, or whether she did not see the train at all is not known, but it is reported that she started across the track, and that before she could get across the engine struck her, knocking her down. As she fell, both legs went across the track, in the path of the train. A stranger waiting at the depot for the train jumped to her side and grabbed her, pulling her from the track just in time to save her from far worse injuries.

It is reported that Miss McLaren is not seriously injured, but that she suffered badly from the nervous shock, resulting from her near escape. It is expected that she will soon be able to be around again.

HE IS DYING

Works Here One Day and Now Is Dying in Hospital.

One day this week Carl Neit, a Finn, arrived in Alma and soon after his arrival asked for a job at the Wright House, and after working a single day, complained of being ill, and is now in the hospital, where he is dying.

Neit was taken to a doctor by Mr. Galkins of the Wright House as soon as he complained to him of being ill. After an examination, the poor commissioner was seen, and then Neit was taken to the hospital, where he is dying, slowly, with thoughts turning back to Finland, where lives his wife and three small children.

Since coming to the United States, Neit has established no residence, having worked through the country, and rapidly as he saved his savings were sent back home to the loved ones, so that they might buy a farm in far off Finland. He arrived in Alma with just 75 cents, and with one day's work here, is practically penniless, in a strange land and among strange people. It is suggested that something be done to aid him, as it is a true charity case.

MASONIC DANCES

Again this year the Alma lodge F. & A. M. No. 244, will stage a series of Masonic dances. The first of the series of dances will be held on New Year's. The big interest shown in these dances last year is the one big reason for their being held again this winter.